

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 608

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Karen Rogers on her selection as the Teacher of the Year at East High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Karen Rogers is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers was recently chosen as the Teacher of the Year for East High School in the Hamblen County School District, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she earned her associate's degree from Walters State Community College, obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in history, political science, and secondary education from East Tennessee State University, and holds Educational Specialist and Master of Science degrees in administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an educator for the past nine years, Karen Rogers previously taught seventh-grade geography at East Ridge Middle School and is currently serving with acumen and alacrity as an economics and government teacher at East High; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary tenure, Ms. Rogers has rendered sterling service as a Quiz Bowl facilitator, Interact Club sponsor, teacher mentor, First Priority Club sponsor, and Thoughtful Classroom Trainer; and

WHEREAS, a member, volunteer, and organizer with the McDonald Community Mission Center, she is also a former member and treasurer of the Mohawk Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers is also an active and devout member of Fairview Baptist Church, where she has served as former director of the Discipleship Training, assistant college class teacher, and volunteer with Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Karen Rogers truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Karen Rogers on being chosen as the Teacher of the Year at East High School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.